United Nations A/59/L.29

General Assembly

Distr.: Limited
15 November 2004

Original: English

Fifty-ninth session
Agenda item 94
Social development, including questions relating to the world social situation and to youth, ageing, disabled persons and the family

Qatar:* draft resolution

Celebrating the tenth anniversary of the International Year of the Family

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 44/82 of 8 December 1989 concerning the proclamation of, preparations for and observance of the International Year of the Family in 1994, and resolutions 50/142 of 21 December 1995, 52/81 of 12 December 1997 and 54/124 of 17 December 1999 concerning the follow-up to the International Year of the Family,

Recalling also its resolutions 56/113 of 19 December 2001, 57/164 of 18 December 2002 and 58/15 of 3 December 2003 concerning the preparations for and observance of the tenth anniversary of the International Year of the Family in 2004,

Recalling further that the family-related provisions of the outcomes of the major United Nations conferences and summits of the 1990s and their follow-up processes continue to provide policy guidance on ways to strengthen family-centred components of policies and programmes as part of an integrated comprehensive approach to development,

Recognizing the commendable efforts made by Governments and the relevant United Nations agencies as well as the important role of non-governmental organizations at the local and national levels in carrying out specific programmes concerning families,

Noting the accomplishments resulting from the observance of the tenth anniversary of the International Year of the Family, inter alia, the new initiatives and long-term activities in support of the family all over the world, in particular at the local and national levels, and the value of international cooperation on family issues,

* On behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of 77 and China.

04-60675 (E) 161104

Taking note with appreciation of the report of the Secretary-General[1] on the preparations for and observance of the tenth anniversary of the International Year of the Family in 2004,

1. *Reaffirms* its resolution 58/15;

2. *Welcomes* the celebration of the tenth anniversary of the International Year of the Family on 6 December 2004 at United Nations Headquarters;

3. *Commends* the Government of Benin for the major role it has played in the celebration of the tenth anniversary of the International Year of the Family and in spearheading the elaboration of strategies for the implementation of, follow-up to and evaluation of the Plan of Action on the Family in Africa;

4. *Commends* the important contribution of the Government of Qatar to the observation of the tenth anniversary of the International Year of the Family by organizing and hosting the Doha International Conference for the Family, held at Doha on 29 and 30 November 2004;

5. *Commends* all Governments that made contributions in support of the celebration of the tenth anniversary of the International Year of the Family;

6. *Encourages* Governments to make every possible effort to realize the objectives of the tenth anniversary of the International Year of the Family and to integrate a family perspective in the planning process;

7. *Notes with appreciation* the contribution of the non-governmental organizations through local and regional meetings, as well as the programmes and activities throughout civil society undertaken in support of the celebration of the tenth anniversary of the International Year of the Family;

8. *Recommends* that all relevant agencies of the United Nations system, civil society organizations, the media, religious and community-based organizations as well as the private sector contribute to developing strategies and programmes aimed at strengthening the livelihood of families;

9. *Encourages* United Nations agencies and bodies, including the regional commissions, as well as intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations and research and academic institutions, to work closely with the Department of Economic and Social Affairs of the Secretariat in a coordinated manner on family-related issues, inter alia, by sharing experience and findings, in recognition of their valuable role in family policy development at all levels;

10. *Requests* the Secretary-General to include in his report to the General Assembly at its sixtieth session called for in resolution 59/___ of ___ 2004, information on the progress achieved in the follow-up to the International Year of the Family, and decides to consider this issue on a biennial basis and to consider a follow-up programming upon the twentieth anniversary of the International Year of the Family in 2014.

[1] A/59/176.